

NEW CABINET FACES MANY BIG PROBLEMS

Harding's Ten Advisers to Formulate Policies of Far Reaching Results.

BUSY LIFE BEFORE THEM

Members Have Vast Amount of Patronage to Distribute— Some of Their Duties.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
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In addition to serving as the chief advisers of Warren G. Harding in the White House, the ten men just selected to fill the Cabinet posts will have a vast amount of specific and highly important duties to perform as the chief officers of their departments. Upon the shoulders of every one of them will fall the work of conducting much Government business, administering vital laws, formulating policies which will have far reaching results, to say nothing of the expenditure of vast Federal funds.

In the whirl of everyday life few persons stop to realize the scope of the work of the ten different departments, which are separate and apart from the independent governmental agencies, of which there are in all about thirty-five. It is not inappropriate, therefore, to set forth at this time the detailed duties of the different Cabinet members which is aside from the weekly or semi-weekly meetings they will have with the President in the Cabinet room of the White House executive offices.

Each of the members of the Cabinet will receive a salary of \$12,000 a year; each will have a vast amount of patronage to distribute, offices of more or less importance pertaining to the conduct of affairs within his department; each, unless he is fully initiated to the ins and outs of Government work, will find there is vastly more than glory in such a job.

Here, briefly, is an outline of the work of each of the Government departments, with the annual cost of maintenance, the figure being for the current fiscal year:

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. In charge of the foreign relations of the United States; ranks first in the Cabinet, conducts, under the direction of the President, the negotiations of whatever character between the United States and all foreign countries; maintains in foreign countries a corps of diplomatic officers and consular agents; issues passports; publishes the laws and resolutions of Congress and proclaims amendments to the Constitution; medium of correspondence between the President and the chief executives of the different States; cost of maintenance, \$10,439,697 a year.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. In charge of the Secretary of the Treasury, who has the management of the national finances; collects the revenue, pays out the expenditures, issues and redeems the national currency; makes disbursements of public funds in accordance with the appropriations by Congress; submits the annual estimates of income and expenditures to Congress; maintains all public buildings; in charge of the Coast Guard and Public Health services. Cost of maintenance, \$1,553,226,394 a year.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT. Under the Secretary of War, in charge of all matters of national defense and sea coast fortifications as they relate to the army; is in charge of all questions relating to the support, transportation and maintenance of the army; supervises river and harbor improvements; plans and locates all bridges over navigable waters; operates certain transportation facilities on the island, canal and coastwise; cost of maintenance, \$484,433,435 a year.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

under the Attorney-General, represents the United States Government in all legal matters; gives advice and opinions when required by the President or the executive departments; conducts prosecutions against violators of the Federal criminal and civil laws; maintains the Bureau of Investigation for the collection of information regarding law violation; supervises Federal prisons; cost of maintenance, \$1,553,226 a year.

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. Under the Postmaster-General, supervises the Federal postal service; in complete charge of the receipt and delivery of the mails; negotiates the mail treaties by which foreign mail delivery is accomplished; contracts for transportation of the mails; investigates mail train and post office and other robberies relating to the mails; sells stamps, money orders and attends to all matters of postal finance; cost of maintenance, \$504,359,000, payable from postal revenues.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT. Under the Secretary of the Navy, in charge of the construction, manning, armament, equipment and employment of the vessels of the navy; directs the flag of the United States; includes all the war vessels of the American navy, the aircraft, auxiliaries, etc.; enlisted and officer personnel; in charge of the United States Marine Corps and its activities; cost of maintenance, \$440,126,934.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. Under the Secretary of the Interior, in charge of the supervision of public business; relating to patents, inventions, pensions and bounty lands, the public lands and surveys, the Indians, education, the geological survey, the national parks, the Capitol building and grounds and the distribution of Government appropriations for agricultural and mechanical colleges; cost of maintenance, \$348,731,308.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. Under the Secretary of Agriculture, is charged with promoting agriculture in its broadest sense in all parts of the United States and the territorial possessions; includes the United States Weather Bureau and its complete forecasting service; administers the national forests; in charge of the pure food and drug laws under the Bureau of Chemistry; studies and reports improved methods for better agricultural activity and marketing; cost of maintenance, \$14,743,294.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. Under the Secretary of Commerce, promotes the commerce of the United States in its mining, manufacturing, shipping, fishery and transportation interests; maintains the light-house service, takes the census, prepares and distributes statistical information relating to foreign and domestic commerce, supervises the fisheries industry, inspects steamboats and prescribes aids for the protection of life at sea, maintains the standard of weights and measurements; cost of maintenance, \$19,942,528.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. Under the Secretary of Labor, fosters and promotes the welfare of the wage earners in the United States, seeks to improve their working conditions, holds the power to act as mediator in labor disputes; collects and publishes statistics relating to the condition of labor and its products; supervises the immigration of aliens, directs the administration of the naturalization laws, makes studies and reports for the improvement of child life and welfare of children; cost of maintenance, \$1,812,420.

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Eight fluted Corinthian columns in ivory tone gave architectural dignity to the room. On the walls were two large oil paintings. One, by Hoffman, was a picture of the boy Christ disputing with the wise men in the temple. The other was a shepherdess with her sheep. The piano and harp, both in gold and silver, and the chairs, tables and ornaments gave the observer an impression of harmony and beauty to be found only in a home of refinement and affluence.

While enjoying the artistic features of this room, a secretary informed me that Mrs. Stetson would see me in her library, which was above the drawing room. This room also is spacious, and beautifully furnished in red and gold. I was most cordially received by Mrs. Stetson, who remarked that while she rarely allowed herself to be interviewed, she was always very happy to make the acquaintance of the representatives of the press of New York city, who had for years shown her the greatest kindness and courtesy.